



Little Raccoon's Yearly Planning(Toddler/Pre-school) 2026



Month	Theme	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Maths focus of the month	Literacy Focus
January	Winter Fun	Arctic Animals Adventure	Snow & Ice Science Play	Winter Lights & Shadows	Winter Sensory Exploration	Numbers & Counting	Mark-Making & Early Writing
February	Creative Arts & Expression	Pretend Play Chines New year week	Building & Making Valentines' day week	Colours Pancake day 17th	Dramatic Play & Storytelling	Numbers & Counting	Mark-Making & Early Writing
March St Patricks	All About Me	My Body & My Senses	My Feelings & Emotions	My Family & My Home	My Favourite Things Mother's day week	2D shapes	Sounds
April	Spring Parent consultation month	Signs of Spring Easter	Baby Animals	Bugs Life	Growing and Planting World book day	2D shapes	Sounds
May	Ou community	People who help us	People who help us	The environment recycling	The environment Recycling	Shape and Size	Comprehension
June	Building and Construction It	Big Builders	Materials we build with	Community Buildings Father's day week	Little engineers /Technology	Shape and Size	Comprehension
July	Animals Graduation Month starts	Farm Animals	Zoo animals	Sea Animals	Minibeast/ Dinosaurus	Counting /Sizes	Mark-Making & Early Writing
August	Summer Parent Consultation month Graduation Month Ends	Holidays	Forest School	Beach and Seaside	Outdoor Games	Counting /Sizes	Mark-Making & Early Writing
September	Building Stories	The Gruffalo	Goldilocks and the Three Bears	The rainbow Fish	The Three Little Pigs	Numbers & Counting	Sounds
October Black History Month Diwali Rosh Hashanah Halloween	Autumn	Nature & Explores	Harvest and Farm	Autumn art	Autumn Animals	Numbers & Counting	Sounds
November	Celebrations/	Bonfire night and fireworks Festival of Lights	Remembrance Day	Children in Need	Thanksgiving	2D Shapes	Comprehension
December Christmas Month	Christmas Parent consultation month	Storybook Winter Week	Christmas crafts	Christmas crafts	CLOSED	2D Shapes	Comprehension



Little Raccoon's Yearly Planning-Baby Room 2026



Month	Theme	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
January	Love & Kindness	Feelings • Learn: happy, sad, mad; identifying emotions	Hearts Everywhere • Learn: shapes, color recognition (red/pink)	Friends & Sharing • Learn: turn-taking, simple social skills	Family Love • Learn: family words (mom, dad, baby), bonding activities
February	Momentum Planning Get the parents involvement	Babies interest and choices Chines and new year	Babies interest and choices Valentines	Babies interest and choices Pancake day 17th	Babies interest and choices
March	Our Senses	Sight (Seeing) Colours-Light vs dark Noticing shapes-Eye-hand coordination	Sound (Hearing) Instrument play (shakers/drums) Sound matching game Listening walk-Clap patterns (slow/fast)	Touch (Feeling) Texture boards Play with fabrics Handprint/texture art	Smell & Taste Fruit tasting/spice painting (cinnamon or cocoa mixed with water)/Food colour sorting Mothers Day week
April	Spring Parent consultation	Spring animals	Spring animals	Bugs Life	Bugs life World book week
May	Transportation for Littles	Things That Go (Car, Bus) rolling, tracking, sounds "Vroom," rolling soft cars	Up in the Sky Focus: direction words (up/down) Airplanes, birds, bubbles floating	On the Water Focus: buoyancy, calm observation Boats in water play, bath toys	Slow vs Fast Focus: speed & motion awareness Slow-moving scarves vs quick rolling balls
June	Ocean & Water Play	Ocean Animals Learn: fish, whales, turtles; movement (swim, splash)	Sand & Seashells • Learn: digging, scooping, counting shells	Boats & Sailing Learn: float/sink, pretend boating	Beach Colours • Learn: blue, tan, coral, etc.
July	Fairy tales	Stories	Stories	Stories	Stories
August	Summer Parent consultation	Holidays /beach	Holidays /beach	Outdoor Games/Activities	Summer fruits/Food
September	Natural resources	Treasure Basket	Treasure basket	Sand	Water
October	Autumn	Harvest and farm	Autumn art	Autumn Art	Halloween
November	Tiny Gardeners	Flowers- Focus: seeing colours, smelling gentle scents Flower sensory bottles, crinkle flower toys	Leaves- Focus: texture + cause & effect Crunchy paper leaves, soft cloth leaves	Watering Plants- Focus: early science Pouring ,drip-drop with adults for babies	Garden Critters- Focus: visual awareness Ladybugs, butterflies, worms (pictures + toys)
December	Christmas Parent consultation	Arctic animals	Christmas crafts	Christmas crafts	CLOSED



Core Learning Plan 2026



At Little Raccoons Day Nursery, our ethos is built on nurture, curiosity, and community. We believe every child is unique, capable, and full of potential. Our role is to provide a safe, loving, and enriching environment where children can explore the world with confidence and joy.

1. Nurture & Belonging

We create a warm, home-like environment where every child feels secure, valued, and loved. Strong relationships with key educators help children feel confident to explore and grow.

2. Curiosity-Led Learning

We follow each child's interests, offering open-ended experiences that spark imagination, problem-solving, and discovery. Children learn best when they lead their own play.

3. Respect for Every Child

We celebrate individuality, diversity, and family culture. Every child is treated with kindness, dignity, and respect.

4. Nature Connectedness

Outdoor learning is central to our curriculum. We help children develop a deep love for the natural world through exploration, sensory play, and environmental care.

5. Holistic Development

We support the whole child, emotionally, physically, socially, and intellectually. Our curriculum nurtures resilience, confidence, communication, independence, and creativity.

6. Partnership With Families

Parents are children's first educators. We build strong, trusting relationships with families and value their voice in every part of nursery life.

7. Play With Purpose

Play is at the heart of everything we do. Through play, children develop critical thinking, social skills, empathy, and early academic foundations.

8. Safe, Inclusive, High-Quality Care

We maintain a high standard of practice, ensuring children are safe, supported, and given the best possible start in life.